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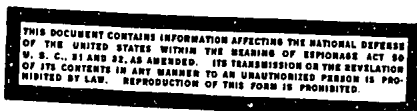
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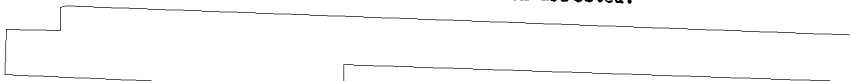
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Berlin, 14 August (TT-DPA) -- It has just been learned that a "revolt" within the Communist-dominated SED (Socialist Unity Party) itself has recently been crushed in the Soviet Zone. The reason for the revolt was a high increase in wages which benefited only a small group of labor foremen in the nationalized enterprises in Sachsen-Anhalt. Eight party functionaries have been arrested.

An extensive protest action against the party's Politburo was introduced by several thousand Communist functionaries and workers at 18 nationalized enterprises in Sachsen-Anhalt. The Politburo had raised the wages of a small group of foremen by about 100 percent at these enterprises. The "rebels" demanded in a resolution similar wage improvements, and reminded the Politburo of its duty to the working class.

As punishment for the protest action, the Politburo has now expelled its organizer, trade union leader Gerhard Fischer, and seven other party functionaries from the party. These eight have been arrested.



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